

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) for a motor vehicle, said outside rear view mirror assembly (1) comprising:

a mirror housing (2) including a circumferential lateral wall (4) defining an opening (6), an insertion opening (7), and a back wall (5);

a mirror mounting bracket (3) insertable into said mirror housing (2) through said insertion opening (7); and

a snap-in tongue (15) defining a free end and extending out from said back wall (5) for engaging said mirror mounting bracket (3) when said mirror mounting bracket (3) is inserted into said mirror housing (2) to lock said mirror mounting bracket (3) therein.

26. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 25 wherein said mirror mounting bracket (3) includes a catch recess (17') to receive said snap-in tongue (15) therein to lock said mirror mounting bracket (3) in place.

27. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 26 wherein said snap-in tongue (15) includes a catch piece (16) at said free end thereof to engage said catch recess (17').

28. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 27 wherein said mirror mounting bracket (3) includes a positive locking component (13) extending out from said mirror mounting bracket (3) to guide said mirror mounting bracket (3) as it is inserted into said mirror housing (2).

29. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 28 wherein said back wall (5) of said mirror housing (2) includes an insertion tunnel (11) for receiving said positive locking component therein.

30. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 29 wherein said positive locking component (13) includes a stop (24) for abutting said insertion tunnel (11) preventing said catch piece (16) from moving past said catch recess (17').

31. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) as set forth in claim 30 wherein said catch recess (17') includes an angled surface (31) to abut and engage said catch piece (16).

32. (New) An outside rear view mirror assembly (1) wherein said catch piece (16) extends laterally across said snap-in tongue (15).